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SUBJECT: "Winter Soldiers"--Information from the Women's Land Army Headquarters in the United States Department of Agriculture

Hundreds of New York City women met recently to discuss a matter far away from their everyday city lives. They talked about farming. It was a reunion of the winter soldiers in the Women's Land Army. Why would they meet now? Well...they wanted to keep in touch with the friends they'd made on the farms last summer. And they wanted to learn more about food and agriculture. But mainly, they were interested in making plans for getting back to the farms next year.

The New York City Women aren't alone in their activities. All over the country, the Women's land Army is mustering its forces for another year. And farmers all over the country are counting on them to be ready when they're needed.

Women farm workers will be needed. Even more this year than before. More boys are going into the armed services. More women are stepping into their places. Wives and daughters of farmers have added field and barn work to their regular rounds in the home and garden. But they can't do it all. They'll need help...especially in the harvest season. And that's where the town and city members of the Women's Land Army come in.

Town homemakers who live near farm areas are urged to plan to spend part of their time during the coming harvest season on farms. Business women, teachers, school girls...all will be needed during their vacations.

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What kind of work is there to do? Well...you can help pick apples...peaches ..cherries...any kind of fruit. You can help harvest tomatoes...beans...potatoes... any vegetable. You can drive tractors...farm trucks... You can milk and take care of the chickens....you can work in the garden. In fact...anything on a farm that doesn't require heavy lifting comes under the heading of work you can do in the Women's Land Army.

Of course...it's a little early yet to be volunteering. But like the New York City women...you can be making your plans...laying the groundwork.. so you'll be ready when the call comes.

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